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RUESHR/AMEMBASSY TEHRAN 7171

INFO RUQVGM/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

RUQVLK/AMEMBASSY KAEUL 4777

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SUBJECT: RELATIO P WITH AFGHAN REGIME

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2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE APPROACH, EMBASSIES IN TEHRAN AND ANKARA SHOULD CONSULT URGENTLY WITH GOI

AFGHAN SITUATION. EMBASSIES SHOULD DRAW ON KAEUL 5305 TO EXPLAIN USG VIEW THAT SAUD IS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, THAT SITUATION IS NORMAL THROUGHOUT AFGHANISTAN AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE TO HIS REGIME. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT NEW REGIME HAS REAFFIRMED POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND NONALIGNMENT. WITH REGARD TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY GOI AND PAKISTANIS THAT SOVIETS MAY INVOLVE THEMSELVES MORE DEEPLY IN AFGHANISTAN, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT SOVIETS WERE BEHIND COUP. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE

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THAT AFGHANISTAN HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS DURING PREVIOUS DAUD GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT DAUD IN PAST AGITATED PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE TO DETRIMENT OF PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THEREFORE IN OUR INTEREST AND IN INTEREST OF REGIONAL POWERS THAT USG AND OTHER NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS WITH IMPORTANT PRESENCE IN KABUL MOVE FAIRLY QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS AND NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHAN REGIME. (WE NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT SOVIETS AND EASTERN BLOC HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP. THAT GERMANS ARE PLANNING ACTION IN NEXT DAY OR SO, AND THAT BRITISH APPEAR TO BE CONTINUING THEIR CONTACTS, AS ARE FRENCH.) WHILE WE CAN APPRECIATE POSSIBLE DESIRE OF OTHER REGIONAL POWERS TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY IN DETERMINING THEIR OWN COURSE OF ACTION, WE BELIEVE THAT USG SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY SO THAT OUR PRESENCE IN KABUL CAN SERVE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES OF A STABLE AFGHANISTAN PURSUING MODERATE POLICIES VIS-A-VIS ITS NEIGHBORS.

4. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM GOI AND GOT THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING COMMUNICATING TO DAUD REGIME ON JULY 21 OUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. EMPHASIS IN BOTH OUR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE ON CONTINUATION OF RELATIONS. WE WILL WELCOME VIEWS OF GOI AND GOT, BUT WE HOPE THEY WILL AGREE THAT OUR ACTION WOULD BE IN THEIR INTERESTS AS WELL AS OURS.

5. FOR ISLAMABAD: SISCO WILL CALL IN SULIAN KHAN JULY 20 TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS. ABOVE FYI ONLY
ND NOT
FOR USE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS THERE AT THIS TIME.

6. FOR KABUL: WE ARE PREPARING SEPTTEL WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR USE. YOU SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME CONVEY ANY SENSE OF USG INTENTIONS. FYI: AMEMBASSADOR MALIKYAR WILL CALL ON AMEMBASSADOR MEYER JULY 20 TO CONVEY REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH NEA/PAP (FLATEN) JULY 19. END FYI.
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